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SUBJ: REJECTION OF ABBOTT LAB PETITION FOR GENERAL USE OF CYCLAMATES SWEETENER

1. DR. TAKAO MAKI, DEP. DIR. FOOD CHEMISTRY DIV., ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BUREAU, MIN. HEALTH & WELFARE, HAS PLEADED WITH EMBASSY AGRIC ATTACHE AND SCICOUNS TO FURNISH HIM WITH AUTHORITATIVE, OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON FDA COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT'S REJECTION OF ABBOTT LAB PETITION FOR USE OF CYCLAMATE SWEETENERS IN U.S.

2. GOJ IS INVOLVED IN LAWSUIT ON USE OF CYCLAMATE IN JAPAN AND WANTS TO BE ABLE TO CITE OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY SCHMIDT TO SUPPORT ITS CASE. MAKI HAS XEROX COPY OF SCHMIDT STATEMENT OF MAY 11, 1976 ISSUED BY FDA; EMBASSY HAS COPY OF FDA PRESS RELEASE OF MAY 11, 1976, WHICH INCLUDES NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS REFERRING TO AVAILABILITY OF SCHMIDT STATEMENT, BUT EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE ITS OWN COPY OF LATTER STATEMENT. EMBASSY GAVE MAKI COPY OF PRESS RELEASE, BUT THIS MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT FOR GOJ PURPOSES. LITIGANTS IN JAPANESE CASE WILL NOT ACCEPT GOJ COPY OF SCHMIDT STATEMENT AS AUTHENTIC, AND TECHNICIALLY EMBASSY CANNOT VERIFY THAT GOJ COPY IS TRUE COPY.

3. PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED QUICKLY IF FDA CAN GIVE FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF ACTION TAKEN ON ABBOTT PETITION. WE HAVE LOOKED THROUGH FEDERAL REGISTER FOR PERIOD AROUND MAY 11 BUT ARE UNABLE TO FIND REFERENCE TO CYCLAMATE MATTER. REQUEST REPLY ASAP.

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